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Justice League of America #168
July 1979

Cover Credits

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STORY

"The Last Great Switcheroo" (17 Pages)

Credits

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Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
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Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, and **Zatanna**

Villains

Wizard (appears next in issue #219)
Floronic Man (also called Plant-Master in this story; appears next in issue #195)
Blockbuster (appears next in *Batman* #309)
Reverse-Flash (appears next in *The Flash* #275)
Star Sapphire II (teamed with the above four villains as the Secret Society of Super-Villains in this story; all five restored to their own bodies in this story; no further appearances of Star Sapphire II to date; see also Comment for issue #174)
Ernest Sloane

Other Characters

Ultraa (last seen in issue #158)
The unnamed helicopter pilot (from previous issue; no further appearances to date)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, and Hawkgirl do not appear in this story.

The Secret Society of Super-Villains appears next in issue #195.

Synopsis

Despite the protests of a suspicious Green Arrow, the Secret Society villains manage to pass themselves off as the Justice League heroes, and after reimprisoning the four captured "super-villains," the entire team travels to Mexico City to safeguard the Nova Jewels, remnants of an ancient intergalactic spacecraft that once crashed on Earth.

Meanwhile, Zatanna, as Star Sapphire, returns to the satellite and convinces Red Tornado of her true identity. Together, they free the other four transformed members and arrive in Mexico, just in time to help their comrades battle the real Secret Society, whose ruse has been discovered due to their uncharacteristic behavior. The heroes and villains are returned to their true identities, and the Secret Society is jailed.

Justice League of America #169
August 1979

Cover Credits

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STORY

"The Doomsday Decision" (17 Pages)

Credits

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Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Jerry Serpe**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, and **Red Tornado**

Villains

The Over-Complex (first appearance; an alien community-intelligence)
Ernest Sloane (revealed as a disguised humanoid portion of the Over-Complex in this story; referred to as "The Un-Merged Man" in blurb at end of previous issue)

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Justice League of America #170
September 1979

Cover Credits

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Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

STORY

"While a World Lies Burning" (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Ross Andru**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Jerry Serpe**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and Red Tornado

Villains

The Over-Complex and **"Ernest Sloane"** (no further appearances to date)

Guest Appearance

Supergirl (in between *Superman Family* #196 and 197)

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Other Characters

Ultraa
Ted Morrow (first and only appearance to date; a TV newscaster)
A judge, two court guards, and a crowd of demonstrators at the United Nations World Court (first appearance of all)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, Black Canary (mistakenly depicted on the cover), Elongated Man, Green Arrow, Hawkgirl and Hawkman, and Zatanna do not appear in this story.
The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

Superman, Green Lantern, Wonder Woman, Flash, and Red Tornado are summoned to appear as defendants at the World Court of the United Nations when Ultraa, the super-hero from Earth-Prime, accuses them of violating his human rights.

At the same time, ecological disasters and a plague of worldwide rioting are both linked to atmospheric disturbances detected by Batman from the satellite. All are unaware that the disturbances are being caused by an alien being, the Over-Complex, of whom Ultraa's attorney, Ernest Sloane, is actually a disguised portion.

As the trial of the JLA members continues, Ultraa discovers Sloane's true identity, but the Over-Complex in turn finds out that Ultraa is aware of his plans.

Other Characters

Ultraa (appears next in issue #201)
The judge, two court guards, and crowd of demonstrators (from previous issue; no further appearances of all to date)

Comments

Aquaman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and Green Arrow appear only briefly in this story.

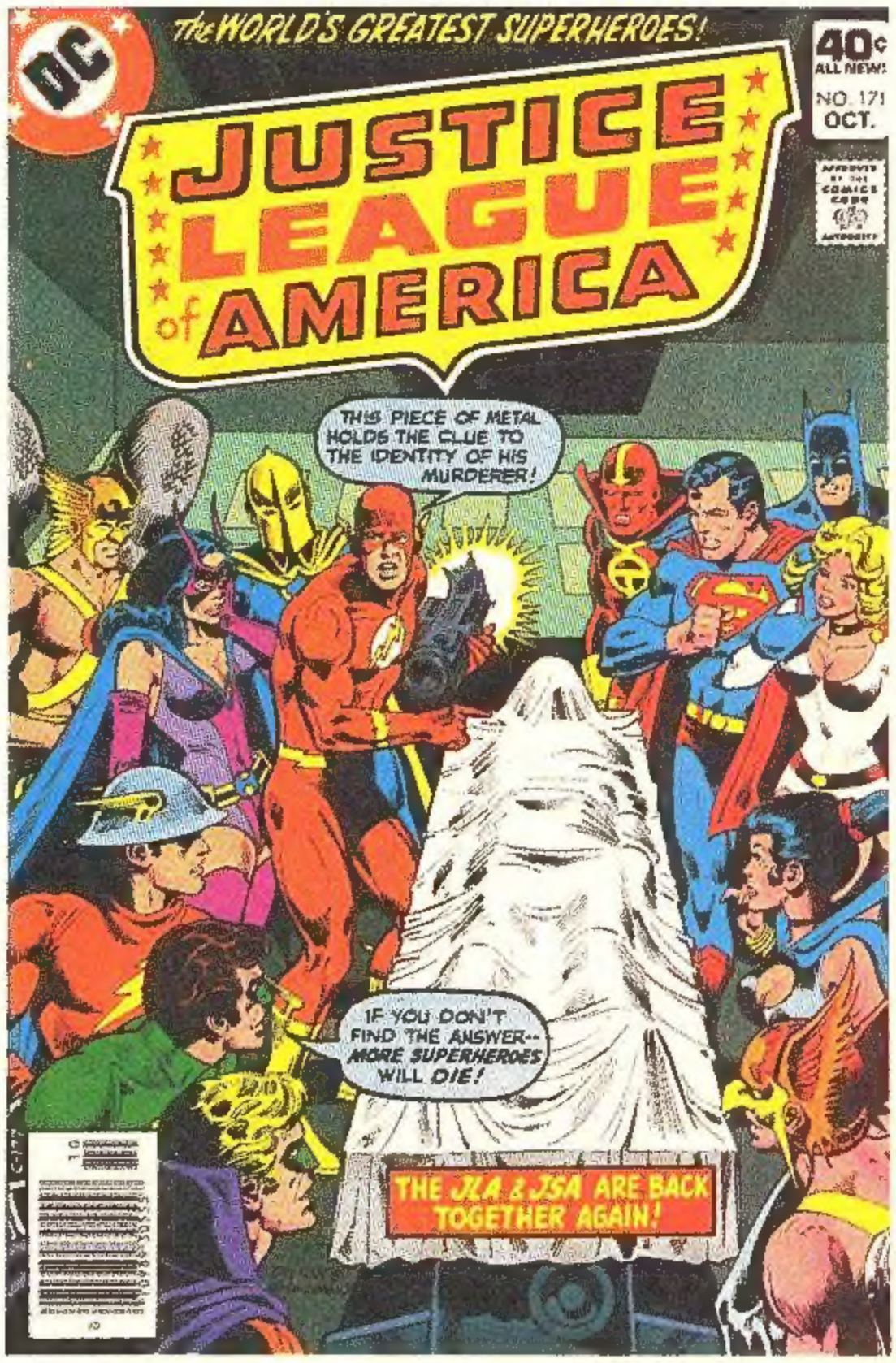
Atom, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, and Zatanna are all mistakenly depicted on the cover; they do not appear in this story.

The Justice League attends the wedding of Green Lantern and Kari Limbo, which almost happens in *Green Lantern* (second series) #122 following this story.

Synopsis

While Green Lantern "covers" Superman's absence with a power ring-created duplicate, the Man of Steel leaves the JLA trial to deal with the worldwide disasters, only to be defeated by the Over-Complex. Back at the United Nations, Ultraa realizes he has been duped, and joins forces with the other JLA members to battle the alien, whose "Ernest Sloane" self is unmasked.

Wonder Woman locates the vanquished Superman, who reveals that the alien's true plan is to steal Earth's atmospheric hydrogen, but it is Batman, using a jet-cycle, who boards and sabotages the Over-Complex's disguised spaceship, and sends the alien hurtling out of the solar system.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THE JLA & JSA ARE BACK TOGETHER AGAIN!

Justice League of America #171

October 1979

Cover Credits

Artists: **Dick Dillin** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

STORY

"The Murderer Among Us: Crisis Above Earth-One" (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Ross Andru**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Jerry Serpe**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Green Lantern, Hawkman, Red Tornado, and **Zatanna**

Guest Stars

Power Girl, Huntress, Green Lantern of Earth-2, Flash of Earth-2, Hawkman of Earth-2, and **Dr. Fate** (all last seen in *Adventure Comics* #465)

Mr. Terrific (mistakenly referred to as Jerry, rather than Terry Sloane once in this story; last seen in *Adventure Comics* #465; incorrectly credited as having last appeared in issues #37 and 38; teamed with the above characters as the Justice Society of America; dies in this story)

Villain

The Spirit King (Roger Romaine; first appearance; an old enemy of Mr. Terrific and Flash of Earth-2)

Comments

Zatanna is the chairman of the JLA meeting in this story.

Aquaman, Atom, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Green Arrow, Hawkgirl, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

The Justice Society of America was last seen in *Adventure Comics* #465.

The Justice League members learn of the death of Batman of Earth-2 as of this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

At the annual joint meeting of the Justice League and Justice Society, JSA member Mr. Terrific, who had retired from crimefighting to become an English professor at Gateway University, reveals how he had resumed his costumed guise to track down an old enemy, the Spirit King, and how, as a result of that case, he now suspects one of his fellow super-heroes of being a traitor. But before he can say more, an explosion wracks the satellite, and the combined powers of the two teams are needed to effect repairs before their air escapes into space.

In the aftermath of the near disaster, Mr. Terrific is found dead in the wreckage. Zatanna attempts to reveal the cause of death with a spell, but is thrown into a coma

for her efforts. The two Flashes search the satellite for a possible hidden killer to no avail, and the JLA diagnostic computer reports that Mr. Terrific was killed by strangulation, not by the explosion.

The heroes' only possible conclusion is that one of their number is the murderer.

Justice League of America #172
November 1979

Cover Credits

Artist: **Dick Giordano** (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

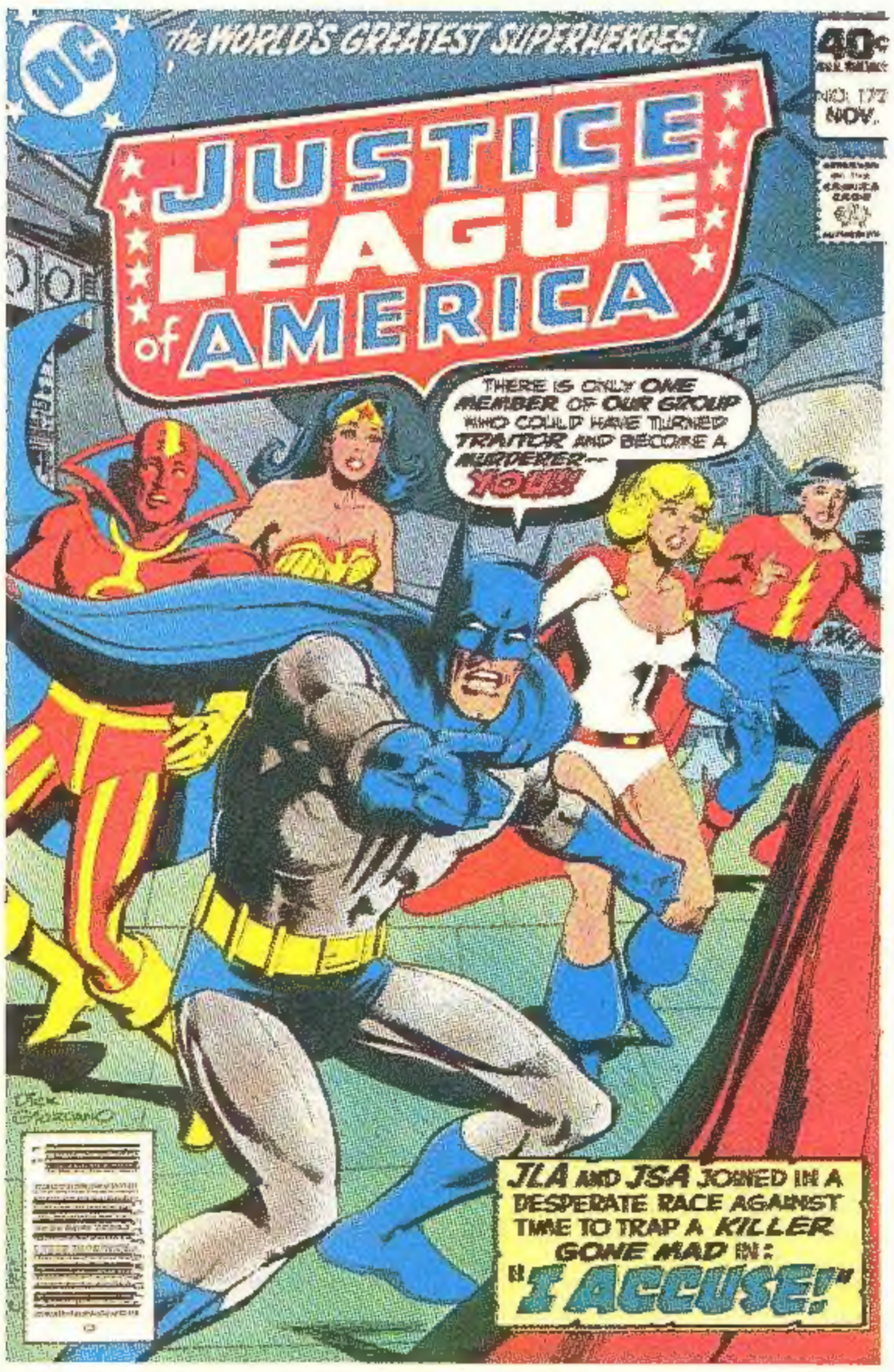
"I Accuse. . ." (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Ross Andru**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Jerry Serpe**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Green Lantern, Hawkman, Red Tornado, and **Zatanna**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Guest Stars

The Justice Society of America (Power Girl, Huntress, Green Lantern of Earth-2, Flash of Earth-2, Hawkman of Earth-2, and **Dr. Fate;** all appear next in *Adventure Comics* #466)

Villain

Spirit King (revealed in this story as having possessed the body of Flash of Earth-2 and having murdered Mr. Terrific; no further appearances to date)

Guest Appearance

Mr. Terrific (deceased; appears only in flashback)

Comments

The story of the capture and trial of the Spirit King for the murder of Mr. Terrific has not been published to date.

Aquaman, Atom, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Green Arrow, Hawkgirl, and Wonder Woman (mistakenly depicted on cover) do not appear in this story.

The Justice Society of America appears next in *Adventure Comics* #466.

Synopsis

At Superman's direction, Dr. Fate and the two Green Lanterns seal off the JLA satellite, while Batman and the Huntress, as the teams' resident detectives, review the evidence in search of Mr. Terrific's killer. When Huntress attempts to use the JLA computer, it proves to be sabotaged and blows up, injuring her, but not before she can compare the notes with Batman and enable him to uncover the villain's identity.

The Earth-2 Flash is revealed as the true murderer, his body having been possessed by the Spirit King, whom Mr. Terrific had been pursuing. The Spirit King escapes, and after the recovery of Zatanna and the Huntress, the Justice Society departs to capture him.

Justice League of America #173
December 1979

Cover Credits

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STORY

"Testing of a Hero" (17 Pages)

Credits

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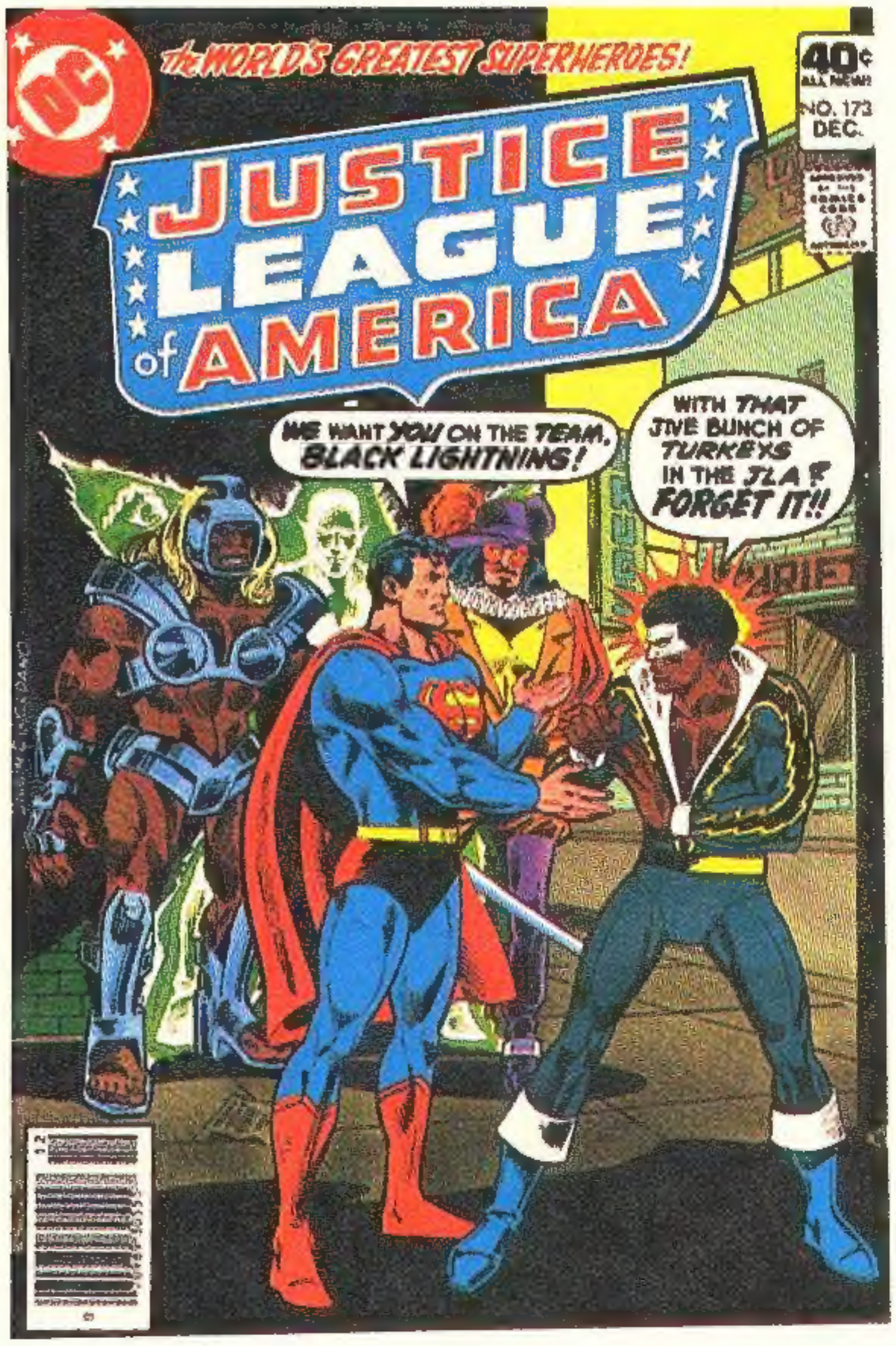
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Jerry Serpe**

Feature Characters

Superman, Flash (disguised as "the Trans-Visible Man"), **Green Lantern** (disguised as "the Human Starburst"), **Green Arrow** (disguised as "Swashbuckler"), and **Zatanna** (disguised as "Primak")

Guest Star

Black Lightning (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #16; asked to join the Justice League, but declines)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Villains

The Regulator (Barnabas Boulton; first appearance; an embittered and deranged research scientist; identity revealed in the next issue)

A gang of burglars (first and only appearance to date)

Guest Appearance

Inspector Bill Henderson (last seen in *Black Lightning* #10)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, Batman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, Red Tornado, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

At Green Arrow's recommendation (following events in *World's Finest Comics* #256), Black Lightning is considered as a prospective Justice League member, but the other heroes disagree on his admittance.

Meanwhile, a new super-villain surfaces in the person of the Regulator, a former research scientist who has the power to command armies of rats and other vermin.

Unaware of the threat he poses, the Justice League continues with its test of Black Lightning's abilities. Disguised as villains, they battle him while Superman serves as judge of his "initiation." Although he passes the test, Black Lightning declines to join the team, claiming prior responsibilities to his solo career.

Justice League of America #174

January 1980

Cover Credits

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Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"A Plague of Monsters" (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Ross Andru**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Todd Klein**
Colorist: **Jerry Serpe**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Atom, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, and **Zatanna**

Guest Star

Black Lightning (appears next in *World's Finest Comics* #260)

Villain

Regulator (dies in this story)

Guest Appearances

Inspector Bill Henderson (appears next in the Black Lightning story in *Detective Comics* #495)

Jean Loring Palmer (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #15; appears next in the Atom story in *World's Finest Comics* #260)

Traya (last seen in issue #160)

Other Characters

Dr. Richards (first and only appearance to date; an ex-colleague of Barnabas Boulton)

An unnamed professor and **a security guard** (first and only appearance of both to date; STAR personnel)

Eddie and **his girlfriend** (first and only appearance to date; a young couple)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom (as Ray Palmer), Black Canary (as Dinah Lance), and Red Tornado appear only briefly in this story.

Hawkman and Hawkgirl do not appear in this story.

As revealed in flashback in issue #186, Flash and Green Lantern encounter the Shaggy Man, following this story.

The origin of Star Sapphire II (alias Ramoni-Notra of planet Pandina), who last appeared in issue #168, is revealed for the first time in the letters column of this issue. It had originally been scheduled for a story to appear in *Secret Society of Super-Villains* #17.

Synopsis

While Green Arrow, Elongated Man, and Zatanna make a second try to enlist Black Lightning in the Justice League, the Regulator, now possessing the ability to transform his rats into gigantic monsters, wreaks havoc. The other JLA heroes, together with those searching for their prospective new member, battle his creatures, while Black Lightning mounts a lone battle against the Regulator.

The villain dies accidentally as Batman, Wonder Woman, and Zatanna, with the aid of a chemical lure developed by STAR scientists, overcome the monstrous rats.

Black Lightning, however, stands fast in his decision not to join the League.

Justice League of America #175
February 1980

Cover Credits

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Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"But Can an Android Dream?" (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Ross Andru**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Jerry Serpe**
Story dedicated to: **Roy Thomas**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Hawkman, Hawkgirl, and **Zatanna**

Red Tornado (resigns from and rejoins the JLA)

Supporting Characters

Kathy Sutton (last seen in issue #110; learns Red Tornado's secret identity in this story; appears next in issue #189)

Traya (learns Red Tornado's secret identity in this story; appears next in issue #189)

Villains

Dr. Destiny (last seen in issue #154)

An unnamed crook (first and only appearance to date; hired by Dr. Destiny to test his materioptikon)

Other Characters

Mrs. Shaw (director of a New York City orphanage; first and only appearance to date)

Dr. Destiny's psychiatrist (first and only appearance to date)

Two Arkham Asylum guards, a drunk, and **two lovers in the park** (first and only appearance to date)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and Green Arrow do not appear in this story.

The story continues in part in the next issue.

Synopsis

Feeling that his unreliability in combat is a danger to the team, Red Tornado resigns from the Justice League, and takes up private life in New York in his John Smith identity. He resumes his relationship with the orphan child, Traya, becomes her legal guardian,and reacquaints him-

self with his former girlfriend, Kathy Sutton.

Simultaneously, the villainous Dr. Destiny, having escaped prison by using his materioptikon to switch places with his visiting psychiatrist, plots to unleash dream-demons on the city. When Red Tornado takes successful action to stop the plan, including defeating a dream-image of himself, his confidence is fully restored, and he rejoins the JLA.

Justice League of America #176
March 1980

Cover Credits

Artists: **Dick Dillin** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

STORY

"The Dream Factories of Doctor Destiny" (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Ross Andru**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Bob LeRose**

Feature Characters

Superman, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Red Tornado, Hawkgirl, and Zatanna

Villain

Dr. Destiny (appears next in *DC Comics Presents* #30)

Other Characters

A group of Buddhists (first and only appearance to date)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, Batman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Flash, Green Arrow, and Hawkman do not appear in this story.

The Flash seeks the Justice League's aid in *The Flash* #276, some time after this story.

Synopsis

Green Lantern, Wonder Woman, Zatanna, Hawkgirl, and Superman join Red Tornado to track down and capture Dr. Destiny. The villain reveals that the scheme smashed by Red Tornado (in the previous issue) was merely a test of the "Omega Program," which will activate a series of hidden materioptikons, set off a dream-plague of world-wide nightmares, and cause humanity to go insane.

Superman and Hawkgirl battle more dream-demons at the Danish castle—the site of Shakespeare's Hamlet (source of the line: "to sleep, perchance to dream"). Red Tornado and Zatanna fight mind-controlled townspeople and an animated statue in India, at the site of the Buddha's enlightenment (another kind of dream), while Wonder Woman and Green Lantern encounter a robotic menace in Philadelphia (where the Declaration of Independence gave birth to the American Dream). The three teams destroy Destiny's devices simultaneously, thus deactivating the deadly "Omega Program."

Justice League of America #177
April 1980

Cover Credits

Artists: **Rich Buckler** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Graveyard Gambit" (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Aquaman, Green Arrow, Atom, Black Canary, and Zatanna

J'onn J'onzz (last seen in *World's Finest Comics* #245)

Villains

Despero (last seen in issue #134)

A crew of Russian dolphin poachers, a gang of kidnappers, a biker gang, and a pair of plane hijackers (first and only appearance to date; some transformed into giant chess-pieces in this story)

Guest Appearance

Commissioner Gordon (last seen in *Detective Comics* #488; appears next in *The Brave and the Bold* #161)

Other Characters

Dr. Margavy (a friend of Ray Palmer's and a member of the Science Institute) and **his daughter** (first and only appearance of both to date)

Comments

Elongated Man, Flash, Green Lantern, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, Red Tornado, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

On individual cases, the Justice League members mysteriously encounter both humans and inanimate objects which take on the appearance of gigantic chess pieces. Sailors become pawns before Aquaman's eyes; Atom rounds up kidnappers, who transform into a bishop and more pawns; a renegade biker gang leader becomes a knight while fighting Green Arrow and Black Canary; and missile-firing rooks attack Superman and Batman. Zatanna calls a meeting to investigate the obviously related cases, but unknown to all, the bizarre happenings are the result of a life-and-death chess match between Despero and J'onn J'onzz, the Martian Manhunter.

Justice League of America #178
May 1980

Cover Credits

Artist: **Jim Starlin** (Signed)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

STORY

"The Chess-Master of Mars" (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Aquaman, Green Arrow, Atom, Black Canary, and **Zatanna**

J'onn J'onzz (appears next in *DC Comics Presents* #27)

Villain

Despero (appears next in the first story in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #10)

Other Characters

J'onn J'onzz's Martian followers (last seen in *World's Finest Comics* #245; appears next in issue #228)

Cameo Appearances

Flash, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Hawkgirl, and Hawkman (as chess-pieces)

Comments

The situation on the cover of this issue reprises that on the cover of issue #1.

Elongated Man, Flash, Green Lantern, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, Red Tornado, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Yet another giant chess piece materializes in Justice League headquarters, downing Green Arrow, Superman, Batman, and Atom, before Aquaman and Black Canary, protected by Zatanna's magic, destroy it. When Atom's analysis of its fragments proves the chessman to be of extra-terrestrial origin, Zatanna discovers a clue planted secretly by J'onn J'onzz in the memory bank of the JLA computer.

Despero's chess game, in which the captive Martian Manhunter is being forced to participate lest his people die by fire, comes to an abrupt end when the Justice League locates the villain's starship orbiting Mars II. They defeat him and his animated chessmen, and free J'onn J'onzz.

Justice League of America #179

June 1980

Cover Credits

Artist: **Jim Starlin** (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Siren Song of the Satin Satan" (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
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Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, Hawkgirl, and Zatanna

Firestorm (origin retold; joins the Justice League)

Guest Stars

Doreen Day and **Cliff Carmichael** (both last seen in *Firestorm* #5)

Villain

The Satin Satan (Sabrina Sultress; first appearance; a fashion model)

Other Characters

Rosco Remington (first and only appearance to date; a would-be disco dancer) and **Cal Remington** (first appearance; Rosco's younger brother; a friend of Ronnie Raymond)

Denizens of The Studio (a New York discotheque; first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearances

Black Lightning and **J'onn J'onzz** (in flashbacks)

Comments

The history of the Justice League is retold in brief in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

Sponsored by Superman (who had promised to do so following their meeting in *Firestorm* #2), Firestorm is inducted as the newest member of the Justice League. He is not required to reveal his secret identity—a fusion of the personalities of high school student Ronnie Raymond and physicist Martin Stein—nor is he made privy to the secret identities of the other members.

After the JLA meeting, Ronnie Raymond becomes involved in the search for a missing classmate, Rosco Remington, who has disappeared from the Studio, a neighborhood disco. Becoming Firestorm again, he is mesmerized by the Satin Satan, a stunning villainess who is also responsible for Rosco's abduction, and he is forced to summon the JLA to his aid.

Justice League of America #180
July 1980

Cover Credits

Artist: **Jim Starlin** (Signed)
Letterer: **Todd Klein**

STORY

"A Beautiful Evil" (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Jerry Serpe**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Green Arrow, Black Canary, Red Tornado, Zatanna, and **Firestorm**

Villains

Satin Satan (no further appearances to date)
Sataroth, daughter of Satanni (first and only appearance to date; a demoness possessing Sabrina Sultress)
A fire-demon (first appearance; destroyed in this story)

Guest Appearances

Doreen Day and **Cliff Carmichael** (both appear next in the Firestorm story in *The Flash* #291)

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Other Characters

Cal Remington (no further appearances to date)
Men transformed into steel puppets by Satin Satan (first and only appearance to date)
A Charon Building night watchman (first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearance

Rosco Remington (in flashback)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, Elongated Man, Flash, Green Lantern, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Invading the Satin Satan's penthouse, Superman, Zatanna, Red Tornado, Batman, Black Canary, and Green Arrow overcome a fire-demon. Then, after questioning Ronnie Raymond's classmates, they track the villainess to a hellish disco where she holds Firestorm prisoner. Zatanna's magic combines with the Nuclear Man's molecular powers to free both him and the Satin Satan's other victims from thralldom, while the villainess herself proves to be a victim of possession by a demoness, Sataroth, whom Zatanna exorcises.

Justice League of America #181
August 1980

Cover Credits

Artists: **Dick Dillin** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Stellar Crimes of the Star-Tsar" (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman, Flash, Aquaman, Atom, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and **Hawkgirl**
Green Arrow (resigns from the Justice League)

Supporting Character

Snapper Carr (last seen in the Supergirl story in *Superman Family* #195; appears next in issue #200)

Villain

Richard Rigel (first and only appearance to date; an astronomer; takes over the identity of the Star-Tsar in this story)

Other Character

Donna Winter (first and only appearance to date; a singer)

Comments

Batman, Firestorm, Green Lantern, Hawkman, Red Tornado, Wonder Woman, and Zatanna do not appear in this story.

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Synopsis

Black Canary is hospitalized after she and the Green Arrow are defeated in a battle against the Star-Tsar. At the hospital, Snapper Carr appears, to reveal that the current Star-Tsar is astronomer Richard Rigel, one of Snapper's co-workers, who has usurped the super-villain identity. A disgruntled Green Arrow pursues a plan of his own to capture the villain, while the other Justice League members scour the city. When their unexpected intervention nearly wrecks the archer's scheme to use a smog arrow to cut off the stellar criminal's power source, GA's long-festering dissatisfaction with the League comes to a head and he resigns to pursue a solo career.

Justice League of America #182

September 1980

Cover Credits

Artists: **Dave Cockrum** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

FIRST STORY

"Reprise" (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Green Lantern, Hawkman, Black Canary, and **Zatanna**

Green Arrow (no longer a Justice League member in this story; appears next in *World's Finest Comics* #264)

Guest Star

Felix Faust (not a villain in this story; appears next in issue #219)

Villains

Nostromus (first appearance; a legendary warlock whose spirit possesses Felix Faust; dies in this story)

A gang of car strippers (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

Two Star City librarians (first and only appearance to date)

Comment

Aquaman, Atom, Elongated Man, Firestorm, Flash, Hawkgirl, Red Tornado, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Green Arrow's super-hero comrades (including those who were not present for the case in the previous issue) bring him to the JLA satellite to demand a further explanation for his resignation.

Meanwhile, Felix Faust, now reformed and working as Curator of Special Literature at the Star City Public Library, unearths the secret journal of the warlock Nostromus, and becomes possessed by the sorcerer's spirit. When Faust alerts the Justice League to Nostromus's intention to resurrect himself and wreak magical havoc on the world, they enter into battle with the demonic entity.

The other members are defeated, but Green Arrow, accompanying them at the urging of Black Canary, saves the day by destroying the journal, which banishes the spirit. Nevertheless, he is adamant in his decision to leave the team.

SECOND STORY

"The Sun Queen Snatch" (8 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Paul Kupperberg**
Penciler: **Rodin Rodriguez** (name misspelled in the credits)
Inker: **Vince Colletta**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Jerry Serpe**

Feature Character

Elongated Man

Guest Star

Hawkman (last seen in the first story in this issue; appears mostly as Carter Hall in this story)

Supporting Character

Sue Dibny (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #21; appears next in the Elongated Man story in *Detective Comics* #500)

Villains

Olivia Saint-Dobbins (first and only appearance to date; a wealthy playgirl)

Horatio and **Norman** (first and only appearance of both to date; two kidnappers)

Guest Appearance

Shiera Hall (last seen, as Hawkgirl, in issue #181; does not appear as Hawkgirl in this story)

Other Characters

Mr. Saint-Dobbins (first and only appearance to date; Olivia's father; a ship-owner)

Capt. Ginsburg (first and only appearance to date; captain of a cruise ship)

Comment

This is an Elongated Man story, not a Justice League story.

Synopsis

On an ocean pleasure cruise with his wife and Carter and Shiera Hall (alias Hawkman and Hawkgirl), the Elongated Man takes time out to solve the self-engineered "kidnapping" of playgirl Olivia Saint-Dobbins.

Justice League of America #183

October 1980

Cover Credits

Artist: **Jim Starlin** (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Crisis on New Genesis, or Where Have All the New Gods Gone?" (25 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Dick Dillin**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**
Featuring characters created by: **Jack Kirby**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Green Lantern, and Firestorm

Guest Stars

Dr. Fate (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #23)

Huntress (last seen in the second story in *Wonder Woman* #273)

Power Girl and **Wonder Woman of Earth-2** (both last seen in *Adventure Comics* #466; teamed with the above two characters as the Justice Society of America)

Orion and **Metron** (both last seen in *Adventure Comics* #460)

Mr. Miracle and **Big Barda** (both last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #26; teamed with the above two characters as the New Gods of New Genesis)

Oberon (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #26)

Villains

Soldiers of Apokolips (last seen in *Mr. Miracle* #25; see final Comment for issue #185)

Fiddler (last seen in flashback in *Secret Society of Super-Villains* #12, not in *Teen Titans* #46, as incorrectly listed in *The Official Teen Titans Index* #2)

Icicle (last seen in flashback in *Secret Society of Super-Villains* #12)

Shade (last seen in issue #137; teamed with the above two villains as the Injustice Society of America in this story)

Darkseid (last seen in *Adventure Comics* #460; restored to life in this story)

Guest Appearances

Dr. Mid-Nite (last seen in *Adventure Comics* #466; appears next in the second story in *DC Comics Presents* #29)

Superman of Earth-2 and **Robin of Earth-2** (both last seen in *Adventure Comics* #466; both appear next in *World's Finest Comics* #271)

Flash of Earth-2, Green Lantern of Earth-2, and **Hawkman of Earth-2** (all last seen in *Adventure Comics* #466; all appear next in issue #195)

Star-Spangled Kid and **Wildcat** (both last seen in *Adventure Comics* #466; appears with the above six heroes as additional members of the Justice Society of America; both appear next in *Infinity, Inc.* #1)

Other Character

Petal (first appearance; name and membership in the Apokolips Underground Fighters revealed in next issue)

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Cameo Appearance

Granny Goodness (on a poster)

Comments

Atom, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Flash, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, Red Tornado, and Wonder Woman (of Earth-1) appear only briefly in this story.

Aquaman and Zatanna do not appear in this story.

The Justice Society of America was last seen in *Adventure Comics* #466.

The Injustice Society of America was last seen in *All-Star Comics* #66.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

On their way to their annual joint meeting, being held this year simultaneously on Earth-1 and Earth-2, several members of the Justice League and Justice Society are abducted via the Transmatter to New Genesis, home of the New Gods (as seen in *New Gods*, *Forever People*, and *Mr. Miracle*). The New Gods seek their aid after the remaining populace of New Genesis has been kidnapped and enslaved by the minions of Apokolips, the evil world that is New Genesis's counterpart, and they reveal that Apokolips's new allies are the members of the Earth-2 Injustice Society.

The heroes split up into teams, composed of one JLA member, one JSA member, and one "New God" each, and speed to various locales to undo the Apokolipsians' evil, only to discover that their ultimate plan is the revival of their late leader, Darkseid.

Justice League of America #184

November 1980

Cover Credits

Artists: George Perez (penciler) and Dick Giordano (inker; Signed)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"Crisis Between Two Earths, or Apokolips Now" (25 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: Len Wein
Plotter, scripter: Gerry Conway
Penciler: George Perez
Inker: Frank McLaughlin
Letterer: Ben Oda
Colorist: Gene D'Angelo
Featuring characters created by: Jack Kirby

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Green Lantern, and Firestorm

Guest Stars

The Justice Society of America (Dr. Fate, Power Girl,

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Huntress, and Wonder Woman of Earth-2)
The New Gods (Orion, Metron, Mr. Miracle, and Big Barda)
Oberon
Highfather (last seen in *Adventure Comics* #460)

Villains

Darkseid
The Injustice Society of America (Fiddler, Icicle, and Shade)

Other Characters

The Apokolips Underground Fighters (first appearance; a group of children, including Petal from the previous issue; Crimson and Playto named in this story)

Cameo Appearance

Granny Goodness (on a poster)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Flash, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, Red Tornado, Wonder Woman (of Earth-1), and Zatanna do not appear in this story.

Dick Dillin's uninterrupted tenure as JLA penciler, excepting issue #153, came to an end as the artist passed away while drawing this issue.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

In battle against the three Injustice Society villains, Firestorm defeats the Shade, while Power Girl and Orion vanquish the Icicle, but the Fiddler overcomes all three long enough to return Darkseid to life.

Meanwhile, the other heroes have not been idle. Superman, the Earth-2 Wonder Woman, and Big Barda encounter the Underground Fighters, a group of children living beneath the fortress of Granny Goodness, the training-mistress of Darkseid's elite troops. Dr. Fate, Green Lantern, and Oberon rescue Izaya (also called Highfather), the leader of the New Gods, from his Apokolips prison. Batman, Huntress, and Mr. Miracle invade Darkseid's Imperial Palace, where they uncover his plot to transport Apokolips into the universe of Earth-2 to supplant and thus destroy the homeworld of the Justice Society heroes.

Justice League of America #185

December 1980

Cover Credits

Artists: **Jim Starlin** (penciler) and **Bob Smith** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Crisis on Apokolips, or Darkseid Rising" (25 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **George Perez**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Todd Klein**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**
Featuring characters created by: **Jack Kirby** (credit omitted in this issue)

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Green Lantern, and Firestorm

Guest Stars

Dr. Fate (appears next in issue #195)
Power Girl and **Huntress** (both appear next in the second story in *Wonder Woman* #274)
Wonder Woman of Earth-2 (teamed with the above three characters as the Justice Society of America; appears next in *Wonder Woman* #300)
The New Gods, (Orion, Metron, Mr. Miracle, Big Barda, and Highfather) and **Oberon** (see final Comment below)

Villains

Darkseid (see final Comment below)
Fiddler and **Icicle** (both appear next in issue #219)
Shade (teamed with the above two villains as the Injustice Society of America; appears next in *The Flash* #298)
Granny Goodness (last seen in *Mr. Miracle* #25; see final Comment below)
The Para-Demons (last seen in *New Gods* #17; see final Comment below)

Guest Appearances

Lightray (last seen in *Adventure Comics* #460) and **other unidentified New Gods of New Genesis** (see final Comment below)

Other Characters

The Apokolips Underground Fighters (Crimson and Petal identified in this story; no further appearances to date)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Flash, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, Red Tornado, Wonder Woman (of Earth-1), and Zatanna do not appear in this story.

The Justice Society of America appears next in issue #195.

It is not currently possible to determine the precise chronology of the Apokolips and New Genesis characters. Following the first cancellations of the "Fourth World" titles with *Forever People* #11, *New Gods* #11, and *Mr. Miracle* #18, these characters' next appearances fall into two conflicting continuities. The continuity of *New Gods* #12–19 and *Mr. Miracle* #19–25, from which their appearances in *Adventure Comics* and in this story follow, is mutually contradictory with the continuity represented by *DC Graphic Novel #5 (The Hunger Dogs)*. In addition, Darkseid has several times encountered the Legion of Super-Heroes in the thirtieth century, but it has not yet been revealed whether Darkseid has time-traveled to the Legion's era or whether, being extremely long-lived, he still survives into the thirtieth century. Following the event of the Crisis on Infinite Earths, one or the other of these continuities may have supplanted the other as the "true" history of the Fourth World cast, but it is still too soon to tell for certain.

Synopsis

While Green Lantern, Dr. Fate, Oberon, and Izaya battle Darkseid's Para-Demons, and Superman, Wonder Woman of Earth-2, and Big Barda help the young freedom fighters liberate the "students" of Granny Goodness, the Batman-Huntress-Mr. Miracle team rescues first the Firestorm-Power Girl-Orion group, and then the Injustice Society, whom Darkseid has imprisoned once he had no further use of them.

The heroes and villains together then foment a revolution among the captive New Genesisians, and Firestorm proves the deciding factor in the final battle between Darkseid and Orion, by turning the dark god's "Omega Force" back upon him. It is Metron who truly comes to the rescue, though, by reprogramming the villain's devices so that it is Darkseid, not Earth-2, which is the target.

With the Apokolips leader apparently destroyed, the battle is over, and the JLA and JSA return to their respective worlds.

Justice League of America #186

January 1981

Cover Credits

Artist: **George Perez** (Signed)
Letterer: **Todd Klein**

STORY

"Who Can Stop the Shaggy Man?" (25 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **George Perez**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**
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Feature Characters

Batman, Flash, Atom, Black Canary, and Elongated Man

Green Arrow (last seen in *World's Finest Comics* #266; appears only as Oliver Queen, and in flashback to issue #45 as Green Arrow; appears next, as Oliver Queen, in the Black Canary story in *World's Finest Comics* #267)

Villain

Shaggy Man II (last seen in issue #45; last chronological appearance in flashback in this story; the duplicate of the original Shaggy Man; possible appearance next in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #9; see Comment below)

Cameo Appearances

Green Lantern (appears only in flashback on videotape)

Wonder Woman and **Hawkman** (both appear only in flashback to issue #45)

Other Characters

Shaggy Man I (last seen in issue #104; shown imprisoned in this story; possible appearance next in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #9; see Comment below)

Colonel Petra Rostoff and **another unnamed Soviet cosmonaut** (first and only appearance of both to date)

Soldiers of the Soviet Army (first and only appearance

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to date; two die in this story)

An unnamed female Grand Prix racing-car driver (first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearance

Andrew Zagarian (in flashback to issue #45)

Comments

Aquaman, Firestorm, Hawkgirl, Red Tornado, Superman, and Zatanna do not appear in this story. Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, and Hawkman appear only in flashback in this story.

The flashback to the encounter of Flash and Green Lantern with Shaggy Man in this story takes place between issues #174 and 175.

One of the two Shaggy Men becomes involved in the events of the Crisis on Infinite Earths, but it is uncertain which one.

Synopsis

After Russian troops encounter what seems to be an Abominable Snowman in Siberia, two Soviet cosmonauts are dispatched to the Justice League satellite to seek their aid against their former foe, the monstrous Shaggy Man. Since the original Shaggy Man had been deactivated by Green Lantern (in issue #104), the super-heroes presume the Russian menace to be the second Shaggy Man (created to battle the first in issue #45), until Flash recounts his and Green Lantern's encounter with the duplicate creature (which takes place simultaneously with the events in issue #174), and ended with the second Shaggy Man frozen in an iceberg. Nevertheless, the menace does not turn out to be the duplicate free from his icy prison, and Atom, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and Flash must distract the creature until Batman is able to lure him aboard a rocket which carries him into space exile.

Justice League of America #187

February 1981

Cover Credits

Artists: **Ross Andru** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Proteus Says: 'All Things Must Change!'" (25 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Don Heck**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Elongated Man, and Zatanna (gets new costume; designed by George Perez)

Villains

Proteus (last seen in *Super-Team Family* #2) and **five members of his gang** (first appearance; Zena named in this story; take over the JLA members' identities in this story)

Other Characters

Five ordinary citizens (first appearance; Bart McLusky named in this story; all behind the scenes only; the JLA members take over their identities in this story)

Mr. Dombey (first appearance; a jeweler; has different physical appearance than on cover)

Cameo Appearance

J'onn J'onzz

Comments

Batman and Green Lantern appear only briefly in this story.

Atom, Black Canary, Firestorm, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, and Red Tornado do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the first story in the next issue.

Synopsis

On monitor duty in the satellite headquarters, Flash

and Zatanna spend a quiet evening together in conversation. She reveals her reasons for changing to yet another new costume, which is neither a copy of her father's garb (as was her first costume, now used only in her performances as a stage magician), nor her mother's (as was her second).

Meanwhile, Justice League members on individual cases are attacked by Proteus, who causes them to assume the physical appearances of ordinary citizens, losing their memories of their true identities in the process, while Proteus's gang members assume the appearances of the super-heroes. The real Flash finds himself teamed with the bogus heroes at a jewelry exhibit, and suspects something is wrong when he sees "Zatanna" back in her former costume. Before he can act, however, Proteus strikes, and the Flash, too, is replaced with a lookalike.

to solve a mystery involving fellow-member Firestorm in *The Brave and the Bold* #172.

Synopsis

Flash recovers in time to defeat his doppelganger and Proteus, while Superman, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, and Elongated Man inadvertently use their super powers, regain their memories, and rendezvous at the jewelry exhibit in time to battle and overcome the disguised members of Proteus's gang. Finally, the Flash locates the transformed Zatanna as a street derelict, and helps her regain her true identity.

Justice League of America #188
March 1981

Cover Credits

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FIRST STORY

"The Metamorph War" (11 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Don Heck**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Elongated Man, and **Zatanna**

Villains

Proteus and his gang (including Zena and the others from previous issue; no further appearances to date)

Other Characters

Bart McLusky and the other ordinary citizens (from previous issue; no further appearances to date)
Mr. Dombey (no further appearances to date)

Comments

Atom, Batman, Black Canary, Firestorm, Green Lantern, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, and Red Tornado do not appear in this story.

Following this story, Raven unsuccessfully attempts to warn the Justice League of the coming of Trigon in a flashback in *New Teen Titans* #5, which leads to the reformation of the Teen Titans and a battle between the Titans and the Justice League in *New Teen Titans* #4.

Sometime later, the Justice League dispatches Batman

SECOND STORY

"The Miracle at 22,300 Miles" (14 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Rich Buckler**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Jerry Serpe**

Feature Characters

Batman, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, and **Hawkgirl**

Villains

A gang of unnamed crooks (first and only appearance to date)

Guest Appearances

Jean Loring Palmer (last seen in the Atom story in *Action Comics* #516; appears next in the Atom story in *Action Comics* #523)

Commissioner Gordon (last seen in *Detective Comics* #498; spoken to on radio only; appears next in *Detective Comics* #500)

Other Characters

Stu Solomon and his family (first and only appearance to date; friends of Jean Loring)

Comment

Aquaman, Elongated Man, Firestorm, Flash, Green Lantern, Red Tornado, Superman, Wonder Woman, and Zatanna do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Ray (Atom) and Jean Palmer are guests at the Chanukah celebration of Jean's friends, the Solomon family, and Batman and Black Canary have just foiled a gang of thieves, when a call comes from on-duty members Hawkman and Hawkgirl. An American anti-spy satellite has accidentally fired on the JLA headquarters, and the five members find themselves trapped aboard with a failing life-support system, until a seeming miracle enables them to survive until Hawkgirl can bring replacement parts from her Thanagarian spaceship.

Justice League of America #189
April 1981

Cover Credits

Artist: **Brian Bolland** (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Return of the Starfish Conqueror" (25 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Rich Buckler**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, Hawkgirl, and **Firestorm**

Supporting Characters

Kathy Sutton (last seen in issue #175; appears next in the Red Tornado story in *World's Finest Comics* #266)

Traya (last seen in issue #175; appears next in the Red Tornado story in *World's Finest Comics* #268)

Villain

Starro (last seen in *Adventure Comics* #451; this is one of two portions of Starro which regenerated after his last appearance; the other first appears in *Captain Carrot and His Amazing Zoo Crew* #1) and **duplicates of Starro** (first appearance; called replicants in this story)

Other Characters

Ward Watson, Donna Watson (his wife), and **Terry Watson** (their son; first appearance of all three; all possessed by Starro in this story)

Jimmy and his girlfriend (a boating couple; first and only appearance to date)

Comments

Aquaman, Batman, Elongated Man, Flash, Hawkgirl, and Hawkman appear only briefly in this story.

Atom and Zatanna do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

His remains fished out of Long Island Sound by young Terry Watson (following events in *Adventure Comics* #451), Starro slowly regains his former stature and powers. Transported to a Central Park lake by a mind-controlled Terry and his family, the starfish villain has an accidental encounter with Red Tornado and Wonder Woman, which alerts the other JLA heroes to his presence.

In the subsequent battle, Starro is able to create dozens of small duplicates of himself which attach themselves to his victims, including Superman, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Red Tornado, Black Canary, and Firestorm, putting them under his control. By the time the remaining Justice League members and the U.S. Navy arrive on the scene, the entire island of Manhattan is under Starro's mental sway.

Justice League of America #190
May 1981

Cover Credits

Artist: **Brian Bolland** (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Our Friends, Our Enemies" (25 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Rich Buckler**
Inkers: **Bob Smith** and **Larry Mahlstedt**
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, Hawkgirl, Zatanna, and **Firestorm**

Villains

Starro (possible next appearance in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #9; see Comment below) and **his duplicates** (no further appearances to date)

Other Characters

Terry Watson (no further appearances to date)

Cameo Appearances

Ward and **Donna Watson** (in flashback to previous issue)

Comments

Black Canary, Firestorm, Green Lantern, Red Tornado, Superman, and Wonder Woman are possessed by Starro's duplicates in this story.

Atom does not appear in this story.

One of the two Starros becomes involved in the events of the Crisis on Infinite Earths, but it is uncertain which one.

Synopsis

Armed with Hawkman's repellor-discs, which prevent Starro from taking control of them as he had their fellow members, Batman, Aquaman, Flash, Hawkman, Hawkgirl, Elongated Man, and Zatanna mount a counter-attack on Starro and his mind-slaves. If they fail, the authorities may be forced to destroy New York to prevent the spread of Starro's endlessly replicating duplicates.

The problem is solved by two "victims" who escape Starro's control. Red Tornado, whose computer mind is not affected as a human brain would be by Starro's influence, blacks out the city, leaving Starro without an energy source, and Terry Watson, by hiding in a food freezer, enables Hawkman and Hawkgirl to discover that intense cold can not only free the alien conqueror's victims, but also defeat Starro himself. Firestorm and Green Lantern, their minds free from Starro's control, bombard him with ice and freeze him solid, while Zatanna's magic chills the air, disposing of the duplicates across the city.

Justice League of America #191
June 1981

Cover Credits

Artists: **Rich Buckler** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Key Crisis of the One-Man Justice League" (25 Pages)

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Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Rich Buckler**
Inker: **Pablo Marcos**
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

Feature Characters

Flash, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and Zatanna

Villains

The Key (last seen in issue #150; no further appearances to date)

The Key-Men (last seen in issue #63, except for a single Key-Man who was last seen in issue #110; no further appearances to date; see Comment below)

Amazo (last seen in *Action Comics* #483; appears next in *Superman Spectacular* #3)

Two train hijackers and a gang of charity robbers (first and only appearance to date)

Guest Appearance

Sue Dibny (last seen in the Elongated Man story in *Detective Comics* #500; appears next in issue #194)

Comments

Zatanna's magic powers are reduced by half (limited to manipulation of the four natural elements) as of this story.

The entry for issue #63 in the third issue of this index is incorrect in stating that the Key-Men make no further appearances.

Aquaman, Batman, Firestorm, Green Lantern, Hawkgirl, Red Tornado, Superman, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Zatanna contacts the Atom for help when she seems to be losing her magical powers (a gradual development from previous issues), but the affliction appears to be widespread, as other JLA members on individual cases also find themselves bereft of their super-abilities, including Flash, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and Atom himself. The culprit is the android Amazo, reactivated against his will by the Key, who is stealing the League members' energies for his own use and to cure the Key of his dwarf-state (suffered as a side-effect of his previous cure in issue #150).

With Hawkman's aid, the super-heroes track down and defeat Amazo, while Zatanna magically cures the Key of his affliction. In the aftermath of the battle, Atom learns that Zatanna's power-loss is a separate phenomenon, caused by her overuse of her skills in previous cases, and that her powers are permanently reduced as a result.

Justice League of America #192
July 1981

Cover Credits

Artist: **George Perez** (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Quest for Genesis" (25 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **George Perez**
Inker: **John Beatty**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, and **Firestorm**
Red Tornado (origin retold)

Supporting Characters

Kathy Sutton and **Traya** (both last seen in the Red Tornado story in *World's Finest Comics* #268)

Villain

T. O. Morrow (last seen in *Super-Team Family* #11; details and explanations of earlier appearances revealed; see Comment below)

Cameo Appearances

Supergirl (in flashback to *Super-Team Family* #11)
Green Arrow (in flashback to issue #106)
Future Man (T. O Morrow's "other self"; in flashback to *World's Finest Comics* #265; see Comment below)

Comments

Atom, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and Hawkman appear only briefly in flashback in this story.

Atom, Hawkgirl, and Zatanna do not appear in this story.

In this issue, it is mentioned for the first time in a story that the Justice League operates under a charter of the United Nations (this was previously documented in *The Amazing World of DC Comics* #14).

In this story, it is revealed that T. O Morrow, after his seeming "erasure" from existence in issue #106, had been split into two separate beings. The Morrow in this story took control of a living planet and used it to fight Supergirl, Flash, and Atom in *Super-Team Family* #11, while the other became Tomorrow the Future Man, who perished battling Red Tornado in *World's Finest Comics* #265–268.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

T. O. Morrow returns and sends first one, then another duplicate of the Red Tornado, each indistinguishable from the genuine android hero, to destroy the Justice League. Sheer chance enables the super-heroes to survive the androids' kamikaze attacks, but while they are recuperating, Morrow seizes control of the real Red Tornado in New York and brings him to his hideout.

The villain's current aim is to discover what originally caused the Red Tornado, his creation, to become a sentient creature of independent thought, rather than an obedient robot—an unexplained flaw linked to his own unwanted "disappearance."

Justice League of America #193

August 1981

Cover Credits

Artist: George Perez
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

FIRST STORY

"Secret of Genesis" (25 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: Len Wein
Plotter, scripter: Gerry Conway
Penciler: George Perez
Inker: John Beatty
Letterer: Ben Oda
Colorist: Carl Gafford

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, and **Firestorm**
Red Tornado (details of his origin and connection with Tornado Tyrant/Champion revealed)

Supporting Characters

Kathy Sutton and **Traya** (both appear next in issue #202)

Villains

T. O. Morrow (appears next in *Red Tornado* #3)

Tornado Tyrant II (last seen in issue #17; origin retold; appears next in *Red Tornado* #3)

Other Character

Tornado Champion (last seen, behind the scenes, in issue #64; origin retold; appears next in *Red Tornado* #3)

Cameo Appearances

Adam Strange, Alanna, Kanjar Ro, J'onn J'onzz, Green Arrow, and Corytrix (in flashbacks to *Mystery in Space* #61 and 75)

Comments

Atom appears only in flashback in this story.

Black Canary, Elongated Man, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, and Zatanna do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Unable to duplicate the conditions of the Red Tornado's original creation, T. O. Morrow is intent upon dismantling the android to learn his secret, when Aquaman, who has been searching for Morrow and the abducted Tornado with his fellow Justice League members, discovers the villain's hideaway. Morrow blasts Aquaman with his power-sceptre (acquired in *Super-Team Family* #11), and the Sea King is saved by mere chance, as Green Lantern finds him and brings him to the JLA satellite for treatment. The Justice League finally confronts Morrow en masse, just as he is attacked by the powerful Tornado Tyrant, who bests all the JLA members except Firestorm.

Before Firestorm can attack the Tyrant, he is confronted by the Tornado Champion, who recounts his history and reveals that it had been he who was the life-force of the Red Tornado. By tampering with the android's memory, Morrow had unwittingly freed the Tornado Champion and his evil other-self. Firestorm now reintegrates the Tornado Champion and Tyrant into the Red Tornado, causing the tornado-being to lose his memory of his separate existence (as he had when first becoming part of Red Tornado), this time voluntarily.

Red Tornado revives, with only Firestorm now aware of the secret of his origin.

SECOND STORY

"The All-Star Squadron" (14 Pages plus cover splash)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Roy Thomas**
Penciler: **Rich Buckler** (cover splash signed)
Inkers: **Dick Giordano** (cover splash only; Signed) and **Jeremiah Ordway** (name misspelled in credits)
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

Feature Characters

The All-Star Squadron (first appearance; a team of super-heroes which will eventually include all the members of the Justice Society of America and virtually every other costumed crimefighter active on Earth-2 in 1942; founding members include Hawkman, Atom, Dr. Mid-Nite, Johnny Quick, Liberty Belle, Robotman, and Plastic Man (all of Earth-2); the story of the team's formation continues in *All-Star Squadron* #1; see Comment below)

Guest Stars

Flash of Earth-2, Hawkman of Earth-2, Johnny Thunder and his Thunderbolt (last chronological appearances of all four in *Flash Comics* #29; next chronological appearance of all four in *All-Star Squadron* #1)

Green Lantern of Earth-2, Atom of Earth-2, and Dr. Mid-Nite (last chronological appearances of all three in *All-American Comics* #38; next chronological appearance of all three in *All-Star Squadron* #1)

Sandman and **Starman** (last chronological appearances of both in *Adventure Comics* #73; next chronological appearance of both in *All-Star Squadron* #1)

Dr. Fate and **the Spectre** (last chronlogical appearances of both in *More Fun Comics* #79; next chronological appearance of both in *All-Star Squadron* #1)

Superman of Earth-2 (last chronological appearance in *Action Comics* #48; next chronological appearance in *All-Star Squadron* #1)

Batman of Earth-2 and **Robin of Earth-2** (last chronological appearance of both in *Detective Comics* #63; next chronological appearance of both in *All-Star Squadron* #1)

Wonder Woman of Earth-2 (last chronological appearance in *Sensation Comics* #6; next chronological appearance in *All-Star Squadron* #1)

Wildcat (chronologically in between *Sensation Comics* #5 and 6)

Villains

Per Degaton (last seen in *All-Star Comics* #59; last chronological appearance in *All-Star Comics* #35; behind the scenes only; next chronological appearance in *All-Star Squadron* #1)

The Sky Pirate (last chronological appearance in *Green Lantern* #27; next chronological appearance in *All-Star Squadron* #1)

The Alchemist (Professor Zobar Zodiak; last chronological appearance in *All-Star Comics* #42; next chronological appearance in *All-Star Squadron* #1)

The Monster (last chronological appearance in *All-Star Squadron* #20; no further appearances to date)

Solomon Grundy (last chronological appearance in the Green Lantern story in *Comic Cavalcade* #25; next chronological appearance in *All-Star Squadron* #1)

Wotan (last chronological appearance in the Dr. Fate story in *More Fun Comics* #56; all five above villains are pulled from later in the Justice Society members' careers into December 1941 by Per Degaton; next chronological appearance in *All-Star Squadron* #1)

Guest Appearances

Robotman of Earth-2 (Robert Crane, aka "Paul Dennis"; last chronological appearance in *Star-Spangled Comics* #8; behind the scenes; identity revealed in his next chronological appearance, in *All-Star Squadron* #1)

Libby Lawrence (last chronological appearance, as Liberty Belle, in *Boy Commandos* #1; next chronological appearance, as Liberty Belle, in *All-Star Squadron* #1)

Rod Reilly (last chronological appearance, as Firebrand, in *Police Comics* #13; next chronological appearance in *All-Star Squadron* #1)

Johnny Chambers (last chronological appearance, as Johnny Quick, in *More Fun Comics* #79; next chronological appearance, as Johnny Quick, in *All-Star Squadron* #1)

Tubby Watts (last chronological appearance in the Johnny Quick story in *More Fun Comics* #79; next chronological appearance in *All-Star Squadron* #1)

Inza Cramer (last chronological appearance in the Dr. Fate story in *More Fun Comics* #79; next chronological appearance in the Dr. Fate story in *More Fun Comics* #80)

Plastic Man (last chronological appearance in *Police Comics* #9; spoken to on phone only; next chronological appearance in *All-Star Squadron* #1)

Other Characters

Danette Reilly (first appearance; a geologist and Rod Reilly's sister; appears next in *All-Squadron* #1)

President Franklin D. Roosevelt of Earth-2 and **Harry Hopkins of Earth-2** (first appearance; a presidential advisor; next chronological appearance of both in *All-Star Squadron* #1)

Cameo Appearances

The Seven Soldiers of Victory (Crimson Avenger, Vigilante of Earth-2, Green Arrow and Speedy of Earth-2, Shining Knight, Star-Spangled Kid and Stripesy)

Comments

This is an All-Star Squadron story, a special insert between pages 13 and 14 of the regular Justice League story intended as a preview of the new comic title, *All-Star Squadron*.

Since the All-Star Squadron has not yet been formed in this story, the individual founding members are listed as Guest Stars and Guest Appearances, rather than as Feature Characters.

Superman, Batman, Flash, Green Lantern, Atom, Hawkman, Dr. Fate, Sandman, Spectre, Johnny Thunder, Starman, and Dr. Mid-Nite (all of Earth-2) appear as the Justice Society of America in this story, which takes place chronologically in between *All-Star Comics* #10 and 11.

The story, which takes place some hours before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, continues in *All-Star Squadron* #1.

Synopsis

In this prelude to the first story of the All-Star Squadron (a World War II super-team on Earth-2, contemporaries of the Justice Society, and containing some of the same members, whose adventures are recounted for the first time beginning in *All-Star Squadron* #1), super-villains from later in the 1940s appear mysteriously to battle and abduct the heroes of the Justice Society the day before the attack on Pearl Harbor.

After a race for charity (as seen on the cover of *Comic Cavalcade* #1), Wonder Woman, Flash, and Green Lantern are battered by Solomon Grundy; Sandman, Starman, and Johnny Thunder team up unsuccessfully against the Sky Pirate; the demonic Wotan uses Dr. Fate's powers to defeat both him and the Spectre; and the Alchemist overcomes Superman, Batman, and Robin at a U.S.O. opening. The Monster, however, is unable to vanquish the Atom, Hawkman, and Dr. Mid-Nite, leaving them free to form a new team to rescue their comrades.

Justice League of America #194

September 1981

Cover Credits

Artist: **George Perez** (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Destiny is a Stacked Deck" (25 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **George Perez**
Inker: **John Beatty**

Letterer: Ben Oda
Colorist: Carl Gafford

Feature Characters

Superman, Flash, Green Lantern, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and **Zatanna**

Green Arrow (appears next in *World's Finest Comics* #274)

Villains

Professor Amos Fortune (last seen in *Superman* #346; no further appearances to date)

The Magician (also known as the Magus), **the Fool, Death, the High Priestess, the Charioteer, the Devil,** and **the Hermit** (first and only appearance of all to date; characters of the Major Arcana of the Tarot; brought to life by Amos Fortune)

Guest Appearances

Lois Lane (last seen in *Action Comics* #522; appears next in *Superman* #362)

Sue Dibny (last seen in issue #191; appears next in *DC Comics Presents* #58)

Thomas Kalmaku (in between *Green Lantern* (second series) #141 and 144)

Cameo Appearance

Iris Allen (as a hallucination)

Comment

Aquaman, Atom, Batman, Firestorm, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, Red Tornado, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

In the midst of their private lives, several Justice League heroes are confronted in their secret identities by characters from the Tarot. Superman is aged instantly by the Hermit; the Flash becomes a victim of grief for his deceased wife at the hands of the Magus; Elongated Man becomes a laughing lunatic after he is affected by the Fool; Green Lantern almost kills himself while flying a jet when he is overcome with love for the High Priestess; Black Canary is filled with senseless anger, following her (and Green Arrow's) encounter with the Charioteer; and Zatanna is blinded in her battle with the Devil.

Once Zatanna is able to track the spell giving life to the Tarot creatures, the Justice League easily locates their creator, Prof. Amos Fortune. He unleashes his final card, Death, against them, but they are able to fight off the incarnation of the Grim Reaper, and gradually their normal personalities and abilities are restored. Fortune attempts to escape using his magical cards, but accidentally traps himself in the world of the Tarot deck.

Justice League of America #195

October 1981

Cover Credits

Artists: George Perez (Signed)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"Targets on Two Worlds" (25 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **George Perez**
Inker: **John Beatty**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, Hawkgirl, Zatanna, and **Firestorm**

Green Arrow (appears next in *World's Finest Comics* #278)

Guest Stars

Hourman (last seen in the second story in *DC Comics Presents* #25)

Dr. Fate (last seen in issue #185; appears next in the second story in *The Flash* #305)

Huntress and **Robin of Earth-2** (both last seen in the second story in *Wonder Woman* #283; both appear next in the second story in *Wonder Woman* #284)

Power Girl (last seen in the second story in *Wonder Woman* #276; appears next in *Wonder Woman* #291)

Superman of Earth-2 (last seen in *World's Finest Comics* #271)

Johnny Thunder (last seen in *All-Star Comics* #74) and **his Thunderbolt** (last seen in issue #137)

Flash of Earth-2 and **Hawkman of Earth-2** (both last seen in issue #183)

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Atom of Earth-2 (last seen in the second story in *DC Comics Presents* #30; appears next in *Infinity, Inc.* #1)

Green Lantern of Earth-2 (last seen in issue #183; teamed with the above heroes as the Justice Society of America; appears next in *Wonder Woman* #291)

Villains

Mist (last seen in *The Brave and the Bold* #61; gains the power of intangibility as of this story)

Signalman (last seen in *Batman* #294, not in *Detective Comics* #466 as stated in footnote in this story)

The Monocle (Jonathan Cheval; first modern appearance; last seen in the Hawkman story in *Flash Comics* #64; an enemy of Hawkman of Earth-2)

Killer Frost (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #17)

Brainwave (last seen in *All-Star Comics* #66)

Psycho-Pirate (last seen in issue #147)

Plant-Master/Floronic Man (last seen in issue #166)

Rag Doll (last seen in *The Flash* #229)

Cheetah II (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #275)

Ultra-Humanite (last seen in the Mr. and Mrs. Superman story in *Superman Family* #215; teamed with the above villains as the Secret Society of Super-Villains)

Three unnamed muggers (first and only appearance to date)

Roscoe and **Bennie Bozak** (first appearance of both; two brothers, co-owners of the Aquarium Casino, and former henchmen of the Mist; both die in this story)

Other Characters

Staff members of St. Ignatius Loyola hospital (first and only appearance to date)

Guards of State Prison near Gotham City of Earth-2 (first and only appearance to date; Harry, Cagney, and Raft named in this story; prison named in next issue)

A delivery man of Keystone City on Earth-2 (first and only appearance to date)

The manager, guards, employees, and customers of a Keystone City commercial bank (first and only appearance of all to date)

Keystone City police officers (first and only appearance to date; Bill named in this story)

Staff and denizens of the Aquarium Casino of Las Vegas of Earth-2 (first and only appearance to date; Phil named in this story)

Roscoe and **Bennie Bozak's dates** (first and only appearance of all to date; both die in this story)

Comments

The story continues in the next issue.

The Justice Society of America was last seen in issue #185.

The Secret Society of Super-Villains was last seen in issue #168.

This issue includes a two-page pin-up of the Justice League and the Justice Society by George Perez.

Synopsis

The Ultra-Humanite, the arch-foe of Superman of Earth-2, who has the ability to transfer his genius brain into different bodies, and who is now in the body of a mutated giant ape, recreates the Secret Society of Super-Villains. He recruits villains from both Earth-1 and Earth-2 as members: the Cheetah, the Signalman, Plant-Master, and Killer Frost from Earth-1, and the Monocle, the Mist, the Psycho-Pirate, the Rag Doll, and Brainwave from Earth-2.

His master plan is to remove ten particular super-heroes of the Justice League and Justice Society from the multiverse, defeating them and hurling them into limbo, thus upsetting the cosmic balance and causing all super-heroes

to be eradicated from one of the two parallel worlds.

The Mist renews his battle against Black Canary (unaware that she is actually the daughter of the original Canary, whom he previously fought in *The Brave and the Bold* #61); the Monocle overcomes the Earth-2 Hawkman; and Cheetah takes her revenge on Wonder Woman.

Comments

Aquaman, Elongated Man, Flash (of Earth-1), Green Lantern, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, Red Tornado, Superman (of Earth-1), and Zatanna do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Justice League of America #196

November 1981

Cover Credits

Artists: George Perez (penciler) and Dick Giordano (inker; Signed)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"Countdown to Crisis" (27 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: Len Wein
Plotter, scripter: Gerry Conway
Penciler: George Perez
Inker: Romeo Tanghal
Letterer: Ben Oda
Colorist: Carl Gafford

Feature Characters

Batman, Wonder Woman, Atom, Black Canary, and Firestorm

Guest Stars

The Justice Society of America (Hourman, Flash of Earth-2, Johnny Thunder and his Thunderbolt, Superman of Earth-2, and Hawkman of Earth-2)

Villains

The Secret Society of Super-Villains (Ultra-Humanite, Cheetah II, Monocle, Mist, Psycho-Pirate, Signalman, Rag Doll, Plant-Master/Floronic Man, Brainwave, and Killer Frost)

Brainwave's unnamed accomplice (first and only appearance to date; disguised as a clothing salesman in this story)

Synopsis

The battles continue as the Psycho-Pirate takes on Hourman in a solo battle (for the first time since *Showcase* #56); the Signalman attacks Batman; Rag Doll tackles the Earth-2 Flash; Plant-Master resumes his struggle against his original opponent, the Atom; Brainwave selects Johnny Thunder as his victim; Killer Frost defeats Firestorm; and Ultra-Humanite vanquishes the Earth-2 Superman.

Guest Appearance

Doreen Day (last seen in the Firestorm story in *The Flash* #297; appears next in the Firestorm story in *The Flash* #301)

Other Characters

Mort (the master of ceremonies), Fred (a film projectionist), and other attendees at a charity dinner in Gotham City of Earth-2 (first and only appearance of all to date)

An Ivy Town police chief and his men (first and only appearance to date)

Justice League of America #197

December 1981

Cover Credits

Artists: George Perez (penciler) and Mike DeCarlo (inker; Signed)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"Crisis in Limbo" (27 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Pencilers: **Keith Pollard** and **George Perez**
Inker: **Romeo Tanghal**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

Feature Characters

Batman, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Atom, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and **Firestorm**

Guest Stars

Hourman (appears next in issue #219)
Flash of Earth-2 (appears next in *The Flash* #305)
Superman of Earth-2 (appears next in *DC Comics Presents Annual* #2)
Johnny Thunder (appears next in issue #220) and his **Thunderbolt** (appears next in issue #219)
Hawkman of Earth-2 (appears next in *Wonder Woman* #291; teamed with the above heroes as the Justice Society of America)

Villains

Ultra-Humanite, Monocle, Mist, Psycho-Pirate, Rag Doll, and **Brainwave** (all appear next in *All-Star Squadron* #26)
Cheetah II (appears next in *Wonder Woman* #323)
Signalman (no further appearances to date)
Plant-Master/Floronic Man (appears next, as Jason Woodrue, in *Saga of the Swamp Thing* #24)
Killer Frost (teamed with the above villains as the Secret Society of Super-Villains; appears next in *The Fury of Firestorm* #3)

Other Characters

Kathy (last name not revealed; first and only appearance to date; an actress; kidnapped by Brainwave in this story)
Attendees at a collectors convention, police officers (Wambaugh named in this story), and **United Nations diplomats of Earth-2** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Comments

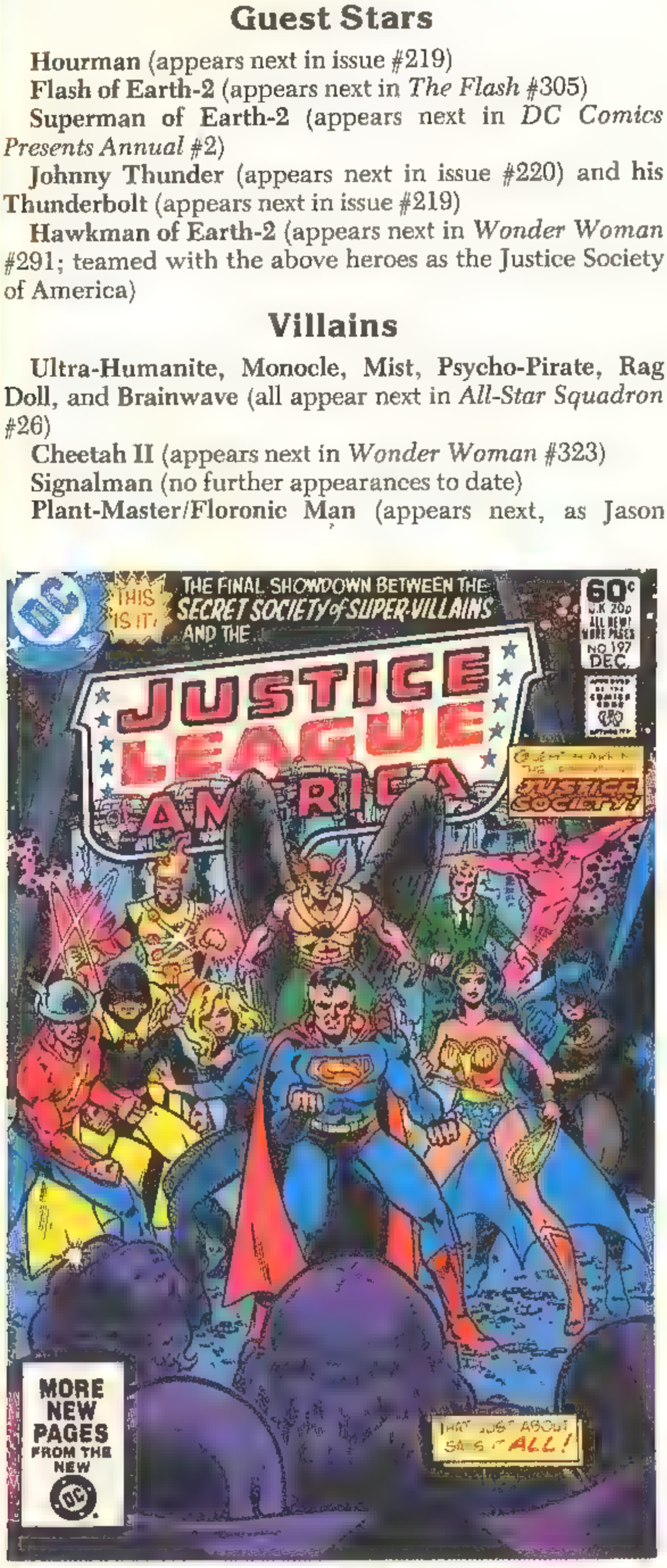
Aquaman, Flash, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, Red Tornado, Superman, and Zatanna (all of Earth-1) do not appear in this story.

The Justice Society of America appears next in *Wonder Woman* #291.

Synopsis

Banishing the ten defeated heroes to limbo does, as the Ultra-Humanite had planned, eliminate all super-heroes from one parallel Earth, Earth-2. When the Earth-1 villains (Killer Frost, Floronic Man, Cheetah, and Signalman) learn that their allies had known all along that it would be Earth-2 whose heroes would disappear, they turn against their leader, only to be banished back to Earth-1.

Killer Frost takes charge of the Earth-1 villains and, overcoming Green Lantern and Elongated Man, they use the JLA Transmatter to reach limbo and free the imprisoned heroes. In the midst of running rampant across the face of Earth-2, now without heroes, the remaining Secret Society members are summoned to an emergency meeting...only to discover that the meeting has been called by the heroes they had sent into limbo. Each taking on his or her previous antagonist, the Justice League and Justice Society champions defeat the villains and hurl them into their own teleportation device, sending them to limbo along with the Earth-1 villains.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January 1982

Cover Credits

Artists: **Ross Andru** (penciler) and **Romeo Tanghal** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Once Upon a Time, in the Wild Wild West..."
(27 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Don Heck**
Inker: **Brett Breeding**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

Feature Characters

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Guest Stars

Jonah Hex (last seen in *Jonah Hex* #56)
Cinnamon (last seen in *Weird Western Tales* #49)
Scalphunter (last seen in the second story in *Jonah Hex* #47)
Bat Lash (last seen in *Jonah Hex* #52)

Villains

Lord of Time (last seen in issue #159)
Denizens of a saloon in Desecration, Arizona, and poker-players in Tucson, Arizona (first and only appearance of all to date)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, Batman, Black Canary, Firestorm, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, Red Tornado, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

It should be noted that the events of this story, and of its conclusion in the next issue, are not a part of DC history as restructured by the events of the Crisis on Infinite Earths.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

Mysteriously, four Justice League members are deprived of their memories, unaware even of their own identities, and are wandering about the American West of the late 19th century. Green Lantern is befriended by bounty hunter and gunfighter Jonah Hex; Zatanna is aided by the lady gambler Cinnamon; Elongated Man is allied with Ke-Won-No-Tay, also known as Scalphunter; and the adventurer called Bat Lash teams up with the Flash.

Superman's present-day search for his missing comrades takes him to the Grand Canyon, where he is felled by a robot at the command of the Lord of Time, who had made the amnesiac JLA members his unwitting pawns in a plan to control the energies of an anti-matter explosion, which took place in the Earth's upper atmosphere in 1878.

Justice League of America #199

February 1982

Cover Credits

Artist: **George Perez** (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Grand Canyon Showdown" (27 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Don Heck**
Inker: **Brett Breeding**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
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Guest Stars

Jonah Hex (appears next in *Jonah Hex* #57)
Cinnamon (appears next in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #5)
Scalphunter and **Bat Lash** (both appear next in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #3)

Villains

Lord of Time (appears next in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #9)
Robot gunslingers (first appearance; creations of the Time Lord; destroyed in this story)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, Batman, Black Canary, Firestorm, Hawkgirl, Hawkman, Red Tornado, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Elongated Man and Scalphunter, Zatanna and Cinnamon, Flash and Bat Lash reencounter each other in the town of Desecration, and soon team up with Green Lantern and Jonah Hex against the Time Lord's robotic gunfighters in the nearby Grand Canyon.

Back in the present, Superman escapes a Kryptonite trap and captures the Lord of Time, thus freeing the other heroes to stop the anti-matter explosion from taking place on the Earth's surface. To the western heroes' mystification, the four Justice League members vanish, drawn back to the present by Superman.

Justice League of America #200

March 1982

Cover Credits

Artist: **George Perez** (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"A League Divided" (72 Pages)
Chapter 1: "Firestorm the Nuclear Man vs. Manhunter from Mars"
Chapter 2: "The Phantom Stranger (and) Aquaman vs. Red Tornado"
Chapter 3: "Zatanna vs. Wonder Woman"
Chapter 4: "Green Lantern vs. the Atom"
Chapter 5: "The Flash vs. the Elongated Man"
Chapter 6: "Green Arrow (and) Black Canary vs. Batman"
Chapter 7: "Hawkman vs. Superman"

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Pencilers: **George Perez** (Introduction, conclusion, connecting sequences between chapters, and Chapters 8–10), **Pat Broderick** (Chapter 1), **Jim Aparo** (Chapter 2), **Dick Giordano** (Chapter 3), **Gil Kane** (Chapter 4), **Carmine Infantino** (Chapter 5), **Brian Bolland** (Chapter 6), and **Joe Kubert** (Chapter 7)
Inkers: **Brett Breeding** (Introduction, conclusion, connecting sequences between chapters, and Chapters 8–10), **Terry Austin** (Chapter 1), **Jim Aparo** (Chapter 2), **Dick Giordano** (Chapter 3), **Gil Kane** (Chapter 4), **Frank Giacoia** (Chapter 5), **Brian Bolland** (Chapter 6), and **Joe Kubert** (Chapter 7)
Letterers: **John Costanza** and **Joe Kubert School** (Chapter 7 only)
Colorists: **Carl Gafford** (Introduction, conclusion, connecting sequences between chapters, and Chapters 1, 5, 8–10), **Tatjana Wood** (Chapters 2 and 7), **Adrienne Roy** (Chapters 3 and 6), and **Anthony Tollin** (Chapter 4)
Technical advisor: **Roy Thomas**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, Zatanna, and **Firestorm**
J'onn J'onzz (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #27; appears next in issue #228)
Green Arrow (last seen in *World's Finest Comics* #273; rejoins the Justice League)

Supporting Character

Snapper Carr (last seen in *Superman Family* #195; no further appearances to date)

Villains

Aliens of planet Appellax (seed-clones of the original aliens given the names Wood-King, Crystal Creature, Mercury Monster, Glass-Man, Fire-Lord, Stone-God, and Golden Roc in this story; all except Crystal Creature last seen in issue #9; Crystal Creature last seen in issue #65; all destroyed in this story)

Guest Appearances

Phantom Stranger (last seen in *Detective Comics* #500; appears next in the second story in *Saga of the Swamp*

Thing #1)

Adam Strange and **Alanna** (both last seen in the second story in *Green Lantern* (second series) #147; both appear next in *The Brave and the Bold* #190)

Superman-robots (last appearance of a Superman-robot in *Action Comics* #524; next appearance of a Superman-robot in *World's Finest Comics* #311)

Queen Hippolyta (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #286; name also spelled Hippolyte in this story; appears next in *Wonder Woman* #288)

Amazons of Paradise Island (in between *Wonder Woman* #286 and 268)

Other Characters

General Matawbe (first and only appearance to date; a military official of Zimbabwe)

An unnamed technician of planet Rann (first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearances

Kathy Sutton and **Traya**

Comments

The origin of the Justice League, as revealed in issue #9, is retold in this story.

Wonder Woman's costume chest-emblem changes as of this issue.

Wonder Woman's real name is misspelled "Dianna" once in this story.

Hawkgirl, now called Hawkwoman, does not appear in this story (see events in the Hawkman story in *World's Finest Comics* #274).

Special features include "The First Two Hundred"—a text feature by Gerry Conway; reprints of covers of issues #1, 21, 57, and 200, and *The Brave and the Bold* #28.

This issue is a 72-page giant.

Synopsis

A powerful post-hypnotic suggestion turns the seven original Justice League members into mind-controlled pawns, who are forced to reassemble the seven Appellax meteorites in which the alien foes of their first adventure (seen in issue #9) came to Earth. The later members of the League are alerted to the plight of their comrades when J'onn J'onzz battles Firestorm to reclaim the first meteor fragment in the JLA satellite. Former member Green Arrow, brought to the meeting by Firestorm and Black Canary, recalls the others' memories of that first case, and the new members set out to battle their teammates.

The Phantom Stranger intervenes to give Aquaman a victory over the Red Tornado; Wonder Woman escapes from Zatanna on Paradise Island; Green Lantern overcomes the Atom; the Flash defeats the Elongated Man; Batman evades both Green Arrow and Black Canary; and Superman uses a robot to trick Hawkman, who is rescued from death in space only by Adam Strange's Zeta-beam.

While the other members are battling old comrades, the charter members, having no memory of the years since the League's formation, see their former teammates as unknown villains, and thus are not held back in their efforts to battle them. While the defeated members rendezvous with Firestorm and Snapper Carr aboard the satellite, the mesmerized original members meet at the site of their first headquarters, only to have the gathered meteorites erupt with the seed-clone duplicate forms of the villainous Appellax aliens.

Their memories restored by shock, the JLA combats the aliens, but is soundly beaten. They then join forces with the other members to seek out and destroy the seed-clones in teams: Batman, Black Canary, Green Arrow, Hawkman, Superman, Wonder Woman, and Zatanna overcome the wooden, crystal, and mercurial creatures; Aquaman, Elongated Man, Flash, and Red Tornado battle the glass and fire beings; and Atom, Firestorm, Green Lantern, and the Martian Manhunter take on the stone giant and the rock successfully.

With the menace ended, Snapper Carr and J'onn J'onzz take their leave, and Green Arrow reconsiders his earlier decision, rejoining the team as a regular member.

Justice League of America #201

April 1982

Cover Credits

Artists: **George Perez** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"A Hero for All Seasons" (25 Pages)

Credits

Editors: **Len Wein** and **Mike W. Barr** (assistant editor)
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Don Heck**
Inker: **Bob Smith**

Letterer: Todd Klein
Colorist: Carl Gafford

Feature Characters

Superman, Flash, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, and Black Canary

Villain

Joe Parry (last seen in issue #31; formal first name, Joseph, revealed in this story; no further appearances to date)

Other Characters

Ultraa (last seen in issue #170; origin retold in brief; adopts the civilian name Jack Grey as of this story; no further appearances to date)

A tribe of Australian aborigines (first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearances

Batman (in flashback to issue #153)

Wonder Woman and Green Lantern (in flashbacks to issues #31 and 169)

Red Tornado (in flashback to issue #169)

Super-Duper (in flashback to issue #31)

Comments

This story, and presumably all previous appearances of Ultraa, are no longer part of the official DC comics history, following the events of *Crisis on Infinite Earths*.

Aquaman, Elongated Man, Firestorm, Green Lantern, Hawkwoman (referred to as Hawkgirl once in this story), Red Tornado, Wonder Woman, and Zatanna do not appear in this story.

The Justice League meets to discuss the threat of the Adjudicator in *Wonder Woman* #291 following this story.

Synopsis

A down-and-out Joe Parry encounters Ultraa living in civilian guise in Atlantic City, befriends him, and manipulates him into turning to crime. When the Atom alerts the Justice League to a bank robbery perpetrated by the duo, Flash deliberately brings Hawkman in on the case, hoping to cure his doldrums brought on by his separation from his wife (as detailed in concurrent issues of *World's Finest Comics*).

Ultraa battles Superman, Flash, Green Arrow, Black Canary, Atom, and Hawkman to a standstill in a boardwalk casino, until Hawkman convinces him to break off the fight. Parry is taken into custody, and Ultraa goes to live with a tribe of aborigines like those who raised him on Earth-Prime.

Justice League of America #202

May 1982

Cover Credits

Artist: George Perez (Signed)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"Star Fall" (25 Pages)

Credits

Editors: Len Wein and Mike W. Barr (assistant editor)
Plotter, scripter: Gerry Conway
Penciler: Don Heck
Inker: Brett Breeding
Letterer: Ben Oda
Colorist: Carl Gafford

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, Zatanna, and Firestorm

Guest Appearances

Jeff Sloane (last seen in the Zatanna story in *World's Finest Comics* #278; no further appearances to date)

Kathy Sutton and Traya (both last seen in issue #196; both appear next in *Red Tornado* #1)

Other Characters

An unnamed assistant in Zatanna's stage magic act (first and only appearance to date)

A young boy (first and only appearance to date; a resident of Ivy Town)

Ursak (a master explorer of an unnamed alien planet), his race, and various alien races visited by Ursak (first and only appearance of all to date; all in flashback to 200,000 years ago)

Hospital Starship One (a medical relief ship of Ursak's planet) and its computer-probe (first and only appearance to date)

Comments

There is no real villain in this story, as the automated medical ship Hospital Starship One mistakenly transforms Batman into a deranged duplicate of Ursak.

The Justice League's new experimental I.P.S. (Inter-Planetary Shuttlecraft) makes its first appearance in this

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story. It appears next in issue #207.

Aquaman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Firestorm (as Ronnie Raymond), Flash (as Barry Allen), Green Arrow, and Superman appear only briefly in this story.

Green Lantern and Hawkwoman do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

An accident occurs while Batman is performing extra-vehicular maintenance on the JLA satellite, causing Hawkman to summon the other members to effect repairs, and sending an unconscious Batman drifting into space. Attempting to retrieve him, the heroes find he has been rescued by a gigantic alien automated medical ship, whose computer-sensors have mistaken him for an explorer-member of the extraterrestrial race which created it, and which has healed his injuries, transforming him into a mentally deranged double of the alien explorer, Ursak.

The now-bestial Batman battles his comrades, until Hawkman overcomes him and has the medical ship return him to normal. In the course of his investigations, Hawkman discovers that the alien ship has been awaiting Ursak's return for some 200,000 years in the wrong location, due to a flaw in its navigation computer; he corrects the error, and the ship departs.

Justice League of America #203

June 1982

Cover Credits

Artists: **George Perez** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Shuffle and Deal . . . with Death!" (25 Pages)

Credits

Editors: **Len Wein** and **Carl Gafford** (assistant editor)
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Don Heck**
Inker: **Romeo Tanghal**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

Feature Characters

Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Elongated Man, and **Firestorm**

Villains

The Ten of Spades (Wanda Wayland; first appearance; a test pilot)

The Jack of Spades (real name not revealed; first appearance; a con artist and gigolo)

The Queen of Spades (Mona Taylor; first appearance; a stage actress)

The King of Spades (Joe Carny; first appearance; a hobo)

The Ace of Spades (first appearance; a robot disquised as a black man; built by Derek Reston, as revealed in issue #205; teamed with the above four villains as the New Royal Flush Gang in this story)

Hector Hammond (last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #128; behind the scenes only as Wild Card, the secret organizer of the Royal Flush Gang; identity revealed in issue #205)

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Other Characters

Curtis (first and only appearance to date; Wanda Wayland's ex-employer)

Rose (first appearance; a wealthy elderly lady; dies in this story)

Lindsay (Mona Taylor's understudy), **Mr. Foss** (her director), and **Richard Taylor** (her husband and producer; first and only appearance of all to date)

A band of hobos (first and only appearance to date; Sweetwater Jake named in this story; all of the above characters appear only in flashbacks to the origin of the New Royal Flush Gang)

Comments

Atom, Batman, Black Canary, Flash, Green Arrow, Green Lantern, Hawkman, Hawkwoman, Red Tornado, Superman (who is mistakenly depicted on the cover), and Zatanna do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

At sea, Aquaman and Firestorm have a damaging encounter with a hydrofoil piloted by the Jack and Ten of Spades, members of a new version of the Royal Flush Gang. Rescued by fishermen, the two heroes are taken to UCLA Medical Center. When Wonder Woman goes to join them there, she is defeated by the King of Spades.

Meanwhile, at the Royal Flush Gang's headquarters, the Jack discovers that the Ace, who had recruited the other members, is secretly a robot reporting to a superior known only as "Wild Card."

An Explanation of the DC Comics Index

This is the fourth in an ongoing series of comprehensive indexes to all of the DC Comics to appear since the company began publishing in 1935. In this series, we intend to examine every issue of every DC comic book and to provide you with a color reproduction of the comic's cover, a complete listing of the creative people involved in producing the comic, a complete listing of all of the characters who appear in each story, a summary of what happened in each adventure, and various other information.

It is our goal that every DC comic title will get a series of *The DC Comics Index* devoted solely to it. Heroes who have headlined in more than one title—notably, Superman and Batman—will have a separate series of the *Index* devoted to each title. In the case of some (but not all) features which have migrated from one title to another—such as *Legion of Super-Heroes*, which appeared in *Adventure Comics*, *Action Comics*, and *Superboy* before being awarded a comic bearing the name of the feature—we will bring together all appearances of the feature in one index series. Maxi-Series, Mini-Series, and features with short life spans will be indexed in related groups.

All comics indexed in a series will run in serial order, beginning with the first issue or the earliest issue that features the series being indexed. For instance, *The Official Superman Index* will begin with *Superman* #1, while *The Official Teen Titans Index* will begin with *The Brave and the Bold* #54, the first comic to feature the group of heroes who would become the Teen Titans. Non-DC Universe stories that appear in DC Comics are not fully indexed or synopsized. Each of the index entries is as self-explanatory as possible. Some of the criteria we used to create an index entry are provided below.

Cover Credits

It usually takes many people to produce a comic book cover, from conception and design through coloring and production, and it is impossible to credit them all. The Artist, responsible for the basic execution of the cover, does the lion's share of the work. If more than one artist works on a cover, some usually pencil and the others usually ink. The artist sometimes works from someone else's layout or design, and sometimes someone else touches up or redraws parts of the picture. Design work, layouts, touch-ups, and other ancillary work are not usually credited in the Cover Credits.

The Letterer hand-letters any captions or word balloons on the cover other than the logo. It is impossible to guess the letterer when the lettering is mechanically typeset or laid down from transfers, so such lettering is called "typographical."

Records of artists and letterers are sometimes unavailable, particularly for covers that appeared many years ago, so the identities of some cover artists and letterers are the best guesses that the indexers and DC's current editors and art staff can make. Credits other than Artist or Artists and Letterer appear where known.

Story Information

Story titles are given as they appear on the title pages, not as on the covers or in coming attractions. When a story lacks a title or title page (a rare occurrence), a note to this effect appears as a Comment.

Story credits are taken from the credits as published. As with cover credits, it is impossible to credit everybody who worked on a story, but whenever additional information is available, it appears in the *Index*. If the published credits in a story are incorrect, the *Index* corrects them wherever possible.

Characters

All major characters, and most minor ones, are classified into seven categories, although all seven may not be needed to fully index a story. Bystanders, random police officers, random gangsters, background characters, and so forth, are not usually listed unless they appear elsewhere in more prominent roles.

The seven character categories are: Feature Characters, characters to whom the title of the feature refers; Guest Stars, characters from other comics who have a major role in the story; Supporting Characters, characters who appear frequently in stories with the feature character(s); Villains, the antagonists of the feature character(s); Guest Appearances, characters from other comics who have a minor role in the story; Other Characters, characters who do not fall into any of the five previous categories; and Cameo Appearances, characters who do not actually appear in a story but whose images are seen, for example, in photographs, flashbacks, or reminiscences.

The Feature Character is listed only when not obvious from the title of the comic. For example, Superman is always the only feature character in his own comic, but the lineup of the Justice League of America changes occasionally, which requires a Feature Character listing for each indexed issue of *Justice League of America*. Guest Stars are usually major characters who have their own comics, but any character can be a Guest Star. The only qualifications are that the character not usually appear in the comic and that he or she take a major role in the story that is not antagonistic to the feature character(s). A Guest Appearance may be very brief; even a one-panel appearance or an off-panel appearance (for example, in a telephone conversation) counts, as long as the character is physically present.

"Behind the scenes" describes characters who don't appear in a story but whose influence is felt, as, for example, when a Villain works through agents.

There are two different kinds of flashbacks: (1) flashbacks to stories previously told (all of the characters appearing in the flashback are listed under Cameo Appearances unless they make physical appearances elsewhere in the story) and (2) flashbacks to events previously untold (appearances of all the characters in the flashback are treated as physical appearances; many origins are told in such flashbacks, for example). Parenthetical notes to characters' names in the listings explain these special appearances.

Chronology

A time line for all of DC's comics that allows proper chronological ordering of the appearances of every DC character is far from complete. Nevertheless, some appearances are known to precede or follow others. Whenever chronological information is known reliably but is not obvious from the continuity of the stories, it is noted in parentheses. "First appearance" accompanies a character's listing when the comic is the earliest one in which the character appears. A first appearance is not necessarily a character's chronologically earliest appearance, which might occur, for example, in an origin flashback first told many years later. As a general rule, in the case of feature characters who are members of a team but who also appear in their own features or comics, issue-by-issue chronological notations for these characters are made in the indexes to their own features, not in the index to the team feature. For instance, Superman's chronology is noted in *The Official Superman Index*, not in *The Official Justice League of America Index*.

A casual reading of a few Plot Synopses will make it abundantly clear that a whole month does not usually pass for the characters in between monthly issues of a comic. Many issues begin hours or even minutes after the previous month's story. Consequently, a character who has had his own feature for ten years will not have aged ten years in the time it took for those comics to come out. As for trying to determine in what year a given adventure takes place, there's no conclusive answer. Specific dates that appear in stories, as well as mention of current events and popular culture, depictions of contemporary fashions, and usage of contemporary slang, are all what is known as Topical References. These are specific details added by a writer or artist to a story to make it seem current at the time the story is being published. They are not necessarily indicators of when—what year or even what decade—a story took place.

A Personal Note

As should be obvious to anyone owning both this work and *The Official Marvel Comics Index*, the format and design of this book (not to mention the wording of this introduction) owe a great debt to my good friend, George Olshevsky, author of the Marvel Index series, with whose permission I have appropriated both his layout and his succinct prose.

Anyone wishing to contact me with comments, criticisms, and/or additional data for inclusion in possible future updates may do so at the address below. My thanks to all those who have already written to me. It is unfortunately impossible for me to reply to each of you personally, but rest assured that your comments are read and carefully considered.

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